

## Public Notice to review and provide comment on the priority areas for TMDL and Watershed Plan development

**Purpose of notice:** The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality is seeking input and comments on the 2015 priority areas for TMDL and Watershed Plan development. These areas have been listed as impaired in Virginia's Water Quality Assessment 305(b)/303(d) Integrated Report. Developing plans to address and restore impaired waters is required by the [Code of Virginia, § 62.1-44.2](#).

**Public comment period:** November 17 – December 17, 2014

**Description of proposed action:** In 2015, DEQ staff plan to continue or initiate TMDLs or Watershed Plans in the following areas:

Project Area	City/County	<a href="#">Listed Impairment</a>
New River PCB	Giles, Montgomery, Pulaski, Radford City, Wythe	PCB
Wolf Creek and Tribs.	Bland, Tazewell, Giles	Bacteria
Long Meadow Run and Turley Creek	Rockingham, Shenandoah	Benthic <sup>1</sup>
Meadow Creek and Schenks Branch	Charlottesville, Albemarle	Benthic
Accotink Creek Benthic	Fairfax	Benthic
South Fork Holston River and Tribs.	Smyth	Bacteria
Mattaponi Watershed Bacteria	Spotsylvania, King William and Caroline	Bacteria
Stony Run (stressor analysis)	Henrico	Benthic
Lower Chickahominy River & Tribs	Charles City, New Kent	Bacteria, Dissolved Oxygen (DO)
Little Mosquito Creek and Assawoman Creek	Accomack	DO
Nassawaddox Creek and tributaries	Northampton	Bacteria
Walker Creek and Tribs.	Bland, Giles	Bacteria
North Fork Catoctin Creek Benthic TMDL	Loudoun	Benthic
Kits Creek (stressor analysis)	Lunenburg	Benthic
Bluestone Creek	Mecklenburg	Bacteria
Nottoway River and Crooked Creek	Nottoway, Dinwiddie	Bacteria
Kerr Reservoir tributaries	Mecklenburg	Bacteria
Jeffries Branch	Loudoun, Fauquier	Benthic
Woods Creek	Lexington, Rockbridge	Bacteria, Benthic
McClure River	Dickenson	Benthic

<sup>1</sup> Evidence of a degraded biological (benthic) community is a strong indicator that a water does not support the aquatic life designated use. More information on Virginia's biological monitoring program is available at the following website: <http://www.deq.virginia.gov/Programs/Water/WaterQualityInformationTMDLs/WaterQualityMonitoring/BiologicalMonitoring.aspx>

TMDL reports and Watershed Plans are developed in accordance with federal regulations (40 CFR §130.7) and are exempt from the provisions of Article II of the Virginia Administrative Process Act. The reports are subject to the TMDL public participation process contained in DEQ's Public Participation Procedures for Water Quality Management Planning. The public comment process provides the affected stakeholders an opportunity for public input on the TMDL development process. Once completed, draft reports are available for public review and comment on DEQ's website at <http://www.deq.virginia.gov/Programs/Water/WaterQualityInformationTMDLs/TMDL/TMDLDevelopment/DraftTMDLReports.aspx>.

**How to comment:** The DEQ accepts written comments by e-mail, fax and postal mail. All written comments must include the full name, address and telephone number of the person commenting and be received by DEQ by 5 p.m. on the last day of the comment period.

**How a decision is made:** After comments have been considered, DEQ will make the final decision on 2015 priority areas. Comments will also be used for prioritizing waters in future work plans.

**Contact for public comments, document requests and additional information:**

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